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Following successful season, Winchester boys basketball team reconvenes for awards

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Winchester High boys basketball senior Adam Fiorentino was given the Unsung Hero award during a ceremony. COURTESY PHOTO/SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

After three months of games and daily practices, the Winchester basketball team was able to rack up 17 wins, while losing just five

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which included going 1-1 in the Division 1 state tournament. They ended up being eliminated by host Bridgewater-Raynham in the Sweet 16, 71-42 on March 3. It followed the Round of 32 win over rival Lexington, 65-59.

Going on the road as the 22nd seed, the Red & Black took the rubber match of the season series between the two clubs, when it counted the most.

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Winchester High boys basketball senior Harrison Burbine: Offensive Player of the Year. COURT
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A few days after the tournament game against the host Trojans, the Winchester boys got together one last time as a team for the annual awards banquet in the WHS cafeteria. And the winners were:

High honors for English

Senior captain Dawson English was the recipient of the Team MVP and Practice Player of the Year Awards.

“When you are the league MVP, it makes this award pretty straightforward,” said Coach John Fleming. “It was well-earned given Dawson's work ethic and resilience (after) coming back from his (ACL) injury. He ended up becoming one of the best two-way players in the (Middlesex) league. His teammates also voted him as the hardest worker throughout the season.”

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Winchester High boys basketball senior captain Dawson English: Team MVP and Practice Player of the Year. COURTESY PHOTO/SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

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Senior captain Carson Sarpong took home the Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Fleming said of Sarpong: “I think Carson was the No. 1 player that opposing coaches had to gameplan around when they were on offense. It wasn’t always about the blocked shots for him. It was often about how he disrupted the other team’s shots, or just made them not take certain shots (at all).”

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Winchester High boys basketball senior captain Carson Sarpong: Defensive Player of the Year. COURTESY PHOTO/SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

Winchester's top gun

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At the other end of the court, senior Harrison Burbine was given the Offensive Player of the Year Award.

“Harry has some really good offensive skills as a shot maker and creator,” said Fleming. “He also forced teams to play on their heels in transition.”

Under the radar

Senior Adam Fiorentino received the Unsung Hero Award, because “he did a great job of playing his role really well throughout the season,” said Fleming. “He probably had his best game of the year at the best time to do so against Lexington in the (state) tournament. He defended really well, while hitting some timely shots.”

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Winchester High boys basketball senior Declan Ross: Coaches Award. COURTESY PHOTO/SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

Winning over the coaches

Senior Declan Ross was honored with the Coaches Award.

"Declan led our second group, and also pushed the first group all season long," said Fleming. "He continued to improve throughout the season, and finished it off (nicely) by knocking down another three and (going) strong to the rim on the road at BR (Bridgewater-Raynham)."

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A player's player

Junior Gibby Ketterer earned the Teammate of the Year Award, an honor coming from a group that knew him best.

"His teammates voted on this award, and Gibby was the clear winner," said Fleming.

Winchester High boys basketball junior Gibby Ketterer: Teammate of the Year. COURTESY PHOTO/ O'CALLAGHAN

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Longtime Red & Black loyal rooter recognized

Before the banquet ended, recently retired WHS teacher Mike Robbat was presented with the first-ever Fan of the Year Award that's also named after him.

"Mike spent 25 years as a special educator at WHS. He also attended countless games, concerts, award ceremonies and many more school events over the years, including making almost every one of our basketball games," said Fleming. "It's so great to have community members (like Mike) frequently come out (and) support the high school (sports) teams."

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Winchester boys hockey celebrates another winning season at its annual awards night

It's been three weeks since the Winchester High boys hockey team (12-10-2, 17th seed) last suited up to play a game. It was against Catholic Memorial (19-3-1, top seed) in the Round of 16 on Feb. 28 at Allston's Warrior Ice Arena. The game was rather competitive throughout,

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State champion Alex Lam, Dunavan Pulli put Winchester youth wrestling on New England map after top finishes

Behind every successful high school athletic department, there usually lies established youth sports organizations where athletes sign up via their parents to learn the nuances of the sport. In Winchester, Coach Ryan Errico's high school wrestling program recently concluded another fine season that was filled with team and individual

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The final and most prestigious high school wrestling tournament of the year is now in the books. Last weekend's All-New England Meet, held annually in Providence, R.I., marked the end of another year for the sport that started all the way back on the Monday after Thanksgiving. The

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Winchester High girls basketball coach Sam Mosley guided her team this year to a 13-8 regular season record that qualified them for the Division 1 state tournament as the 28th seed. The Red & Black then went on the road to face host South Community High School of Worcester (17-3)

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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